

House Resolution No. 405

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri couple who have enjoyed tremendous personal success through the bonds of Holy Matrimony; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilmes, cherished residents of Ravenwood, Missouri, will commemorate the splendid occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on February 8, 2004, with a festive celebration and reception hosted by their family at the Ravenwood Community Building and a Mass at St. Columbus Parish in Conception Junction; and

Whereas, it was on February 9, 1954, that Bill Wilmes took the hand of his beautiful bride, Pat, and together they were joined in marriage before the eyes of God during a memorable wedding ceremony officiated by the Reverend Leo Buhman at St. Patrick's Church in Maryville; and

Whereas, attendants for the happy couple were Edna Madden Shafer and the late Jim Wilmes, who witnessed with pleasure as Bill and Pat pledged their eternal love for one another; and

Whereas, a proud father and caring husband, Mr. Wilmes provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones through many years of tireless endeavors as a farmer, while Mrs. Wilmes enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself as a teacher with the Stanberry School District for twenty-one years; and

Whereas, Bill and Pat Wilmes have relished every moment they have spent nurturing their six children and their spouses, Jerry and Robin Wilmes and Alice and Mark Schieffer, all of Maryville, Cathy and Chris Oelze, Margie and Wayne Canon, and Larry and Petty Wilmes, all of Ravenwood, and Jerome Wilmes of Skidmore; and spoiling their twenty-one grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Bill and Pat Wilmes often reflect upon the joys and rewards they have experienced during their fifty years of marriage and look forward to beginning their sixth decade of wedded success and happiness:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most sincere and heartfelt congratulations to Bill and Pat Wilmes upon the glorious celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them only the very best as they continue to walk hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilmes, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by _____
Representative Brad Lager
District No. 4

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 405, adopted February 4, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker